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# IS CASTRO BEHIND GUERRILLA WAR IN U.S. CITIES?

Fidel Castro has openly embraced Negro violence as part of his over-all strategy.

Castro's aim, made clear to Communist revolutionaries meeting in Havana, is to weaken the U.S. by confronting it with guerrilla wars at home and abroad—including more "black power" onslaughts in American cities.

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Americans to date have given little heed to Fidel Castro's boasts that guerrilla war would be waged in the U.S. Now this is changing.

With more than 100 U.S. cities rocked by Negro riots, large areas going up in smoke, bands of snipers using guerrilla tactics in city after city, Castro's claims are taking on new dimensions.

"Black power" firebrands are threatening to burn down the whole country.

A U.S. Negro, Stokely Carmichael, was a key figure when Communists of 27 nations met in Havana at Castro's call early in August to plot guerrilla strategy for the Hemisphere.

On August 1, in the Cuban capital, Carmichael said that Negro guerrillas are being organized in the U.S. to "bring the collapse of capitalism and imperialism."

Carmichael urged American Negroes to "take arms and fight from New York to California, from Canada to Mexico" and to "seek vengeance" against President Johnson, Secretary of Defense Clark M. Ford and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

"Black power" was defined by Carmichael at the Havana meeting as a "union of the Negro population which is struggling to destroy the capitalist structure which is exploiting us" in the U.S. He added:

"The method of struggle for American Negroes is guerrilla warfare. The struggle is in the streets of the U.S."

**Alarm in Congress.** Urgent warnings of a Communist scheme to exploit "black power" fanaticism and confront the U.S. with civil war were sounded in Congress and in the press.

Representative Armistead I. Selden, Jr. (Dem.), of Alabama, told Congress on July 31:

"The presence of Stokely Carmichael in Havana clearly establishes the ideological link between the organized violence taking place in our major American cities and Fidel

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—Crockett in "The Washington Star"

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Mr. Selden said that Carmichael's presence in Havana raised "the possibility that the degree of guerrilla proficiency attributed to many of the rioters of the past weeks can be traced to Castro-Cuban-operated training cadres."

Senator Peter H. Dominick (Rep.), of Colorado, noting Carmichael's call from Cuba for Vietnam-type wars by Negroes in the U.S., said that "it is time to sound the alarm bells to awaken our leaders and our people to the menace of expanding aggression in this Hemisphere."

**Strategy: "to overwhelm."** Castro-Communist strategy against the U.S. was described in a dispatch from Havana to "The New York Times" by James Reston, an associate editor of that newspaper. Mr. Reston wrote:

"It [the strategy] is to overwhelm the American Government with as many problems as possible in as many places as possible while the Vietnam war is going on. And if racial riots in Detroit and Newark add to the confusion, so much the better."

Another "Times" writer, C. L. Sulzberger, said it seems